

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2578) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes:

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Chair, I rise today to offer my reserved support for the legislation before us today.

This bill, like so many others that we vote on, is far from perfect. I have reservations about the continued expansion of Administrative authority to waive laws that we enact here in Congress and I have reservations about continuing to expose some of the most wild and pristine areas of our country to development. However, I will support this bill because of its positive impacts for the people I was sent here to represent.

As many of you are aware, water is the lifeblood of the San Joaquin Valley, the most productive agricultural region in the world. Since I entered Congress, I have made it a priority to increase water supply reliability for both the San Joaquin Valley and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta. Title I of this bill helps to achieve that purpose.

It achieves this purpose in a very simple way, by allowing for the consideration of a 10-foot increase in the spillway of an existing dam. This raise in the spillway will allow for critical year water supply increases of 15,000 acre-feet and will generate an additional 10,000 Mega-Watt Hours per year of clean, renewable energy, all at no cost to the taxpayer. And importantly, the project still has to meet environmental standards. This is a common sense approach to solve a problem incrementally, and one that I liked so much that I carried the bill in previous Congresses.

I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, on the Legislative Day of June 8, 2012, upon request of a leave of absence after 11:00 a.m., a series of votes were held. Had I been present for these roll call votes, I would have cast the following votes: On agreeing to the Broun (GA) amendment (Roll No. 372)—I vote “No”; On agreeing to the Scalise amendment (Roll No. 373)—I vote “No”; On agreeing to the Moran amendment (Roll No. 374)—I vote “Yes”; On agree-

ing to the Flake amendment (Roll No. 375)—I vote “No”; On motion to recommit with instructions (Roll No. 376)—I vote “Yes”; On passage (Roll No. 377)—I vote “No”; and On motion that the House instruct conferees (Roll No. 378)—I vote “No.”

HONORING DARTMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL UPON ITS RECOGNITION AS A SCHOOL TO WATCH

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge and honor Dartmouth Middle School upon its recognition as a “School to Watch” by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform in 2012.

Located in San Jose, California, Dartmouth Middle School is a public middle school in the Union School District that teaches grades six through eight. It was recently named as one of the top performing middle grade schools in the country and will be recognized by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform at their annual conference in Arlington, Virginia from June 21–23.

In 2012, only 103 schools around the country were named “Schools to Watch” by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform. The Forum is an alliance of more than 60 educators, researchers, and officers of national associations and foundations committed to improving schools for young adolescents across the country. Forum members choose schools that are academically excellent, developmentally responsive, and socially equitable.

Dartmouth Middle School meets and exceeds the criteria for a high-performing middle grade school. It involves students in service activities, celebrates diversity, and actively engages its students in their own learning. It has a Homework Club four days a week where students may drop in to get help from teachers with homework questions. At a time when schools are cutting back on afterschool activities, Dartmouth still allows students to put on a school play, participate in various sports, and perform in different levels of band.

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to have such a dedicated and nurturing institution in my district that appreciates its students, the community, sports, and the arts. I wish Dartmouth Middle School continued success for many years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO KENNETH FARRELL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Kenneth Farrell.

Kenneth Farrell was born the only child of James and Ruby Farrell on the island of Trinidad. At the age of five, the Farrell family migrated to Brooklyn, New York. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife, Yvonne. Together they raised three delightful daughters, the couple's A-Team: Arroya, Ashley and Alexandria.

Mr. Farrell completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree at Baruch College, followed by a Juris Doctorate at the James E. Beasley School of Law at Temple University. While in law school, Ken wanted an opportunity to work with the community. As a proud graduate of the New York City public school system, Mr. Farrell was drawn to the school board and was elected to three terms as a Board Member of the NYC Board of Education, serving District 32. Upon graduation, he continued to serve the community by joining the staff of Congressman Major Owens as a special assistant.

Mr. Farrell found another opportunity to serve his community on a larger scale after working with Congressman Owens. He would do so in my office as my legislative assistant in the 10th Congressional District. He worked with hospital administrators, planning boards and managed special projects. His dedication to the community put Mr. Farrell in touch with real people and issues in the community, and allowed him to see first-hand the true state of Brooklyn communities.

Mr. Farrell, in his quest to reach the community on a different level, began a career in mortgage banking. As a federal and state licensed mortgage loan originator, he provides his clients with pure honesty and guides them in making the right choices for them, not the most profitable choices for himself. Finally, he offers his clients a reason to have faith that they can make their home ownership dreams a reality. Kenneth is very passionate about his work and works hard for his clients.

Mr. Farrell continues to serve as a community advocate, by serving as a board member on the board of the Black Veterans for Social Justice.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Farrell for his leadership in the community as well as the excellent work he performed in my office. I am honored to have had the chance to work with him as we work to make our communities a better place to live.

RECOGNIZING GORDON HIRABAYASHI, RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Gordon Hirabayashi for posthumously receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his stand against Japanese American internment following the attack on

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